

H.G. Wells

- Herbert George Wells
- Born September 21, 1866
- Died August 13, 1946
- Wrote:
 - *The Time Machine*
 - *The War of the Worlds*
 - *The Invisible Man*
 - *The First Men in the Moon*
 - *The Island of Dr. Moreau*
- Wrote fiction, nonfiction, contemporary novels, history, and social commentary.
- Wells and Jules Verne are referred to as "The Father of Science Fiction"
- Childhood
 - Born in Bromley, in the county of Kent in England.
 - Parents: Joseph Wells and Sarah Neal
 - Impoverished lower-middle-class
 - 1874 - Wells broke his leg and had to remain in bed. He read books from the local library.
 - 1874 - Entered Thomas Morley's Commercial Academy
 - 1881-1883 - Wells apprenticed as a draper at the Southsea Drapery Emporium
 - 1883 - became an assistant teacher at Midhurst Grammar School, in West Sussex.
 - Won a scholarship to the Normal School of Science in London and studied biology.
 - Entered the Debating Society of the school
 - Helped found *The Science of School Journal*
 - The first version of his novel *The Time Machine* was published under the title, *The Chronic Argonauts*
 - Lost his scholarship in 1887 when he didn't pass geology and lost his scholarship.
 - 1890 - Wells earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology from the University of London External Programme.
- Marriage
 - 1891 - Married his cousin Isabel Mary Wells.
 - 1894 - Left his wife for a student.
 - 1895 - Married Amy Catherine Robbins
 - Two children - George Philip (1901) and Frank Richard (1903)
 - 1909 - Wells had a daughter with writer Amber Reeves
 - 1914 - Wells had a son (Anthony West) with Rebecca West.
 - 1927 - Amy Catherine Robbins died.
- Writer
 - First non-fiction bestseller was *Anticipation* (1901)
 - view of the world in 2000.
 - Early novels invented a number of themes currently seen in science fiction.
 - *The Time Machine*
 - *The Island of Doctor Moreau*
 - *The Invisible Man*
 - *The War of the Worlds*

- *The First Men in the Moon*
- *Kipps*
- *Tono-Bungay*
- *The World Set Free* (1914)
- Wells wrote short stories and novellas
 - "*The Country of the Blind*" (1904)
- Nonfiction
 - *The Outline of History* (1920)
 - *A Short History of the World* (1922)
 - *The Science of Life* (1930)
 - *The Work, Wealth and Happiness of Mankind* (1931)
- Utopian Novels
 - *The Days of the Comet*
 - *The Shape of Things To Come* (1933)
 - *The Autocracy of Mr. Parham* (1930)
 - *The Holy Terror* (1939)
- Nature v. Nurture
 - *The Island of Doctor Moreau*
 - *When Sleeper Wakes* (1899)
 - *The Sleeper Awakes* (1910)
- Wells wrote the preface for the first edition of W.N.P Barbellion's diaries, *The Journal of a Disappointed Man*. (1919)
- 1927 - Florence Deeks sued Wells for plagiarism. He was found not guilty by the courts.
- Last book published:
 - *Mind at the End of its Tether* (1945)
- Politics
 - Political views were considered to be socialist.
 - Member of the socialist Fabian Society
 - Ran as a Labour Party candidate for London University. (1922 and 1923)
 - Helped to form the League of Nations
- Death
 - Died of unspecified causes
 - Some reports indicate the cause of death was diabetes or liver cancer
 - Wanted his epitaph to be "I told you so. You *damned* fools."
 - He was cremated on August 16, 1946 and his ashes were scattered across the sea.
- Legacy
 - Regarded as one of the pioneers of science fiction
 - Co-founder of Diabetes UK in 1934